



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR SANDGATE**

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**MOTION**

**Fuel Security**

 **Ms ASIF** (Sandgate—ALP) (6.22 pm): I rise to speak in support of the motion moved by the member for Aspley. Queenslanders are in an affordability crisis and this LNP government is missing in action. Right now, families across Queensland are pulling up to the bowser and being hit with petrol prices of more than \$2.50 a litre and diesel has topped \$3.60 in parts of regional Queensland. Those prices are being paid by parents trying to get their kids to school, truckies wondering if they can keep their business alive, pensioners spending more than \$100 from their pension to fill the tank and our frontline workers trying to get to work to earn a wage for their families. However, this crisis goes beyond the bowser. There are freight operators who are considering parking their trucks. We know that if it is on your table then it came off the back of a truck and those supply chains are under threat. While businesses are considering closing and families are feeling the pain, this government refuses to act.

Across this country, state governments are taking action to tackle this issue—every single one of them except in Queensland. Some have legislated anti price gouging laws where retailers must lock in a daily maximum price for 24 hours, with significantly increased fines for noncompliance. They have declared an energy supply emergency and are tracking fuel availability in real time. They have convened emergency round tables with industry. All are taking action, convening round tables, legislating anti price gouging measures, increasing penalties, setting up crisis coordination and prioritising supply to the regions. But what has the Queensland Premier done? Nothing! There is no emergency round table, no crisis team, no compliance action, no legislation and not even a press conference to tell Queenslanders, 'Hey, our government has a plan.' I guess that is hard to do when you do not have one. He is the only premier in the country who has not taken action to help struggling Queenslanders with fuel prices—the only one.

Where the government has failed, the Labor opposition has acted. We have introduced the Transport Affordability Amendment Bill and we are calling on this government to support it. I know government members say that the Transport Affordability Amendment Bill is a political stunt but it is not. It is called action. I know that that is a concept that is foreign to those opposite but Labor's Transport Affordability Amendment Bill is going to help businesses such as Deagon Bulk Meats in my electorate that are really feeling the pinch. It will prevent service stations from increasing fuel prices by more than five cents in a single day. There will be no more overnight spikes of 20, 30, 40 or 50 cents, designed to gouge Queenslanders. It will require service stations to publish their prices the day before. It will ensure that 50-cent fares are made permanent and this sneaky LNP government will not be able to change them behind closed doors. A truckie in Toowoomba will know what they will pay before they leave the depot and a mum in Bracken Ridge will be able to find the cheapest option before the school run. It will protect 50-cent fares for the future.

When fuel costs go through the roof, we know that public transport is not a luxury; it is a requirement. Labor legislated to make 50-cent fares law in Queensland and we will protect them. This is a practical, ready-to-go plan with precedent in every other state. It could be passed this sitting week if the government wanted.

However, this is a government of inaction. It is a government that watches while other states lead and while Queensland families are squeezed at the pump and at the check-out. There are levers that this government can pull to help. Every other state has pulled them—every other state except Queensland. This Premier has taken a leaf straight out of the LNP playbook. Do members remember when the Deputy Premier said, 'Cry me a river' on housing affordability or when the LNP's Scott Morrison said, 'Well, I don't hold a hose'? This Premier might as well say to Queenslanders, 'I don't hold a hose at the bowser. There's nothing I can do.' This premier is showing the same indifference and the same refusal to accept that, when people are in crisis, as a leader it is his job to act.

This is a cunning, calculated decision by the LNP Premier to do nothing and to let Queenslanders cop it at the bowser while they avoid making a single decision. The Premier and the minister would rather see Queensland families pay the price than pull the levers at their disposal. They are dodging responsibility, they are staying silent and they are hoping that Queenslanders will not notice. But Queenslanders are noticing. In my electorate there are constituents and businesses that are noticing as there are in yours. There are people who are paying an incredibly high price and your government is refusing to take any action to help them.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Direct your comments through the chair, please.

**Ms ASIF:** The government is refusing to take any action to help constituents in the electorates. Queenslanders are really feeling the pain. It is time for the Premier to do his job and to lead. You have the tools and the only thing missing is your courage to act. Queenslanders deserve a government that fights for them, not one that stands by watching. Do not just watch, Premier; get off your backside and do something to help Queenslanders. They are feeling the pain. It is time to act. It is time lead. It is time to do something to help Queenslanders.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Member for Sandgate, I will ask you to withdraw that unparliamentary language.

**Ms ASIF:** I withdraw.